

RALPH F. NILSSON, who is county superintendent of schools for Wasatch County, with executive headquarters at Heber, the county seat, is another of the native sons of Utah who are here rendering loyal and constructive service in the maintaining and advancing of the well ordered educational system of the state, and his personal advancement has been won through ability and efficiency.

Mr. Nilsson was born at Monroe, Sevier County, Utah, May 12, 1883, and is a son of Jeppa and Susan (Swain) Nilsson. Jeppa Nilsson gained pioneer prestige in Utah, where he was one of the early settlers at Fort Ephriam and was, in 1866, notably active as a member of the United Order. He was a pioneer in farm enterprise in the vicinity of Monroe, Sevier County, where he established residence in 1882, and he was one of the early and leading merchants at Monroe, where likewise he was influential in the local civic and business affairs.

Ralph F. Nilsson received the advantages of the public schools of Monroe and thereafter continued his studies in Brigham Young University, at Provo, until he received therefrom the degree of Bachelor of Arts, as a member of the class of 1918. In 1900 he became associated with mining operations in the Tintic district of Juab County, his educational work having been resumed in 1914, when he became a student in Brigham Young University, and after being graduated in that institution, in 1918, he returned to the mines. In 1920 he became principal of the Latter Day Saints Seminary at Heber, and his service in this capacity continued three years. Since 1924 he has been giving most effective administration as superintendent of the public schools of the Wasatch County School District. He is one of the progressive and resourceful figures in educational work in this section of the state, is an enthusiast in his profession and has membership in the Utah Education Association and the National Education Association, also the Superintendent's Department of the National Association.

As a zealous member of the Church of Latter Day Saints Mr. Nilsson has given service as superintendent and teacher in the Sunday School, was second and first counsellor in the bishopric in the Knightville Ward of the Nebo Stake during the period of 1908-11, and from the latter year until 1914. In the period of 1915-17 he was Sunday School superintendent of the Fourth Ward, Provo, and in 1917-18 he was president of the Mutual Improvement Association of Provo, Fourth Ward. Mr. Nilsson likewise takes lively interest in civic affairs, and in 1927 he was elected a member of the City Council of Heber, in which he served one term, of two years.

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In his home city of Heber he has been active and influential as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and at the present time is chairman of the educational committee of the Heber Lion's Club.

December 23, 1903, recorded the marriage of Mr. Nilsson to Miss Mary R. Tuft, of Monroe, Sevier County, and her death occurred February 6, 1920, she being survived by six children: Paul, Clifford, Maud, Iva, Lola and Ada.

The second marriage of Mr. Nilsson was solemnized January 26, 1923, when Miss Mina Bond, of Heber, became his wife. Lucille, elder of the two children of this union, is deceased, and the younger daughter is Ruth.